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ANNUAL REPORTS

TOWN OFFICERS

TOWN OF DOUGLAS



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Warrant for Town Meeting

Monday, March 18, 1918.

WORCESTER SS.

To any Constable of the Town of Douglas in the County of Worcester.

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Douglas, qualified to vote in elections, and in town affairs, to meet in the town hall, East Douglas, in said Douglas, on Monday, the eighteenth day of March next, at 5.45 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

ARTICLE 1. To elect a moderator, a town clerk, a town treasurer, six constables, a tax collector, an agent of Devise of Moses Wallis, one highway commissioner, a tree warden, an auditor, all for the term of one year, also one selectman, one assessor, one overseer of the poor, one water commissioner, two members of the school committee, one trustee of the public library, one town cemetery commissioner, all for the term of three years, and to vote Yes or No on the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town the ensuing year?"

ART. 2. To choose all other necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. To hear the reports of the town officers and outstanding committees and act thereon.

ART. 4. To raise by tax and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for support of poor, for schools, for

debts and interest, for salary of superintendent of schools, for maintaining street lights, for highways and bridges, for exterminating browntail and gypsy moths, for salaries of town officers, and for all other expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see what compensation the town will pay each member of the Hose Company for their services for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To see what disposition the town will make of the dog fund.

ART. 7. To see of what number the acting superintending school committee shall consist, and what their compensation shall be.

ART. 8. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of disabled soldiers and their families.

ART. 9. To see if the town will vote to oil the macadam roads, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 10. To see what salary the town will pay its tax collector the ensuing year.

ART. 11. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1918, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

ART. 12. To see if the town will vote to pay twenty-five dollars for the repair of town clock, so-called, to be paid from the contingent fund.

ART. 13. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the Simon Fairfield public library.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote the sum of one hundred dollars to Lambert B. Simmons Camp 123, S. of V., for defraying expenses for Memorial Day.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money for railing highways.

ART. 16. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be used for the repair of stone roads, under super-

vision of the selectmen, or act or do anything in relation to the same.

ART. 17. To see if the town will vote to accept Chapter 423 of the Acts of 1909 entitled, "An act relative to the sale of ice cream, confectionery, soda water and fruit on the Lord's Day."

ART. 18. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to appoint one inspector of wires.

ART. 19. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to designate the various streets of the town by placing the proper signs at entrance thereof, or take any action thereon.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to require electric light and telephone companies to use the same poles in common, or take any action thereon.

ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to adopt the following bylaw: The owner or tenant of land abutting upon a granolithic or concrete sidewalk in the village of East Douglas, shall remove the snow and ice therefrom within twelve hours from the deposit or accumulation thereof, under a penalty of ten dollars upon said owner.

The polls may close at 2 o'clock.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, at the Post Office in East Douglas, and at the Post Office in Douglas Center, ten days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-eighth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

W. R. WALLIS,
W. E. SCHUSTER,
W. L. CHURCH,

Selectmen of Douglas.

Report of the Selectmen

The Selectmen of Douglas respectfully submit their annual report for the year ending December 31, 1917.

Orders have been drawn on the Town Treasurer amounting to \$41,199.96, for the following purposes :

Schools, appropriation	\$11,000 00	
Received from State	2,458 65	
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	\$13,458 65	
Orders drawn (see school report)	13,082 29	\$13,082 29
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Balance	\$376 36	
Highways and railing, appropriation	\$2,450 00	
Expended	2,302 31	\$2,302 31
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Balance	\$147 69	
Hose Company, appropriation	\$240 00	
Expended	240 00	\$240 00
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Street lighting, appropriation	\$1,750 00	
Expended	1,749 96	\$1,749 96
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Balance	04	
Support of poor, appropriation	\$3,000 00	
Expended	3,000 00	\$3,000 00
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Soldiers and widows relief, appropriation	\$100 00	
Expended	312 00	\$312 00
Overdrawn	\$212 00	
Moth extermination, appropriation	\$300 00	
Expended	248 00	\$248 00
Balance	\$52 00	
Sidewalks, appropriation	\$500 00	
Expended	72 85	\$72 85
Balance	\$427 15	
Repairing stone roads, appropriation	\$1,125 00	
Expended	1,123 04	\$1,123 04
Balance	\$1 96	
Memorial Day, appropriation	\$100 00	
Expended	100 00	\$100 00
Water bond, appropriation	\$800 00	
Expended	800 00	\$800 00
Fire tower, appropriation	\$100 00	
Expended	100 00	\$100 00
Oiling road, appropriation	\$1,000 00	
Expended	861 39	\$861 39
Balance	\$138 61	
Town clock, appropriation	\$25 00	
Expended	25 00	\$25 00

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation	\$1,400 00
Collector, on salary	\$125 00
Expenses and supplies	68 10
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	\$193 10

Assessors	\$425 18	
Expenses	48 08	
	<hr/>	473 26
Registrars	60 00	
Town Clerk, 1916 and 1917.....	286 15	
Tree Warden... ..	137 23	
School Committee	50 00	
Selectmen	100 00	
Counsel and Clerk	50 00	
Expense	8 00	
Treasurer	100 00	
Water Commissioners.....	100 00	
Overseers of Poor.....	180 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,737 74
Overdrawn.....		<hr/> \$337 74

CONTINGENT.

Snow roads.....	\$218 38
Fire protection telephone... ..	34 18
State road	1 00
Forest fires.....	67 08
Guide posts.....	133 95
War registration	7 35
Inhabitant tax.....	24 38
Game Warden, two years.....	100 00
Sealer Weights and Measures	4 25
Vital statistics	19 00
Cattle inspection	46 75
Meat inspection.	57 55
Care watering trough, two years	10 00
Dog Officer	10 00
Election expenses	96 74
Auditor.....	42 84
Printing	151 15
Rizutti case	71 00
Board of Health	113 45
Police	46 50
Mowing cemetery	12 00
Tax sale	15 75
Care Monument lot	3 00
Janitor Town hall	40 00

Repair Town and Engine hall.....	\$42 19	
Insurance Town Farm.....	42 83	
Debts and interest	11,556 56	
County tax.....	1,814 00	
Railing bridge	50	
	<hr/>	\$14,782 38

STATE AID 12 MONTHS.

James G. Adams.....	\$48 00	
Wellington Balcom.....	36 00	
Mrs. Catharine Barton.....	72 00	
Horace Belding.....	48 00	
Mrs. Ruth A. Bowdish.....	72 00	
George M. Church.....	72 00	
Mrs. Lizzie N. Cook.....	72 00	
Charles E. Green	72 00	
Mrs. Ruhannah A. Marshall.....	48 00	
Chandler Titus	48 00	
Lena Gabrielson.....	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$663 00
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		\$41,199 96

W. R. WALLIS,
W. E. SCHUSTER,
W. L. CHURCH,

Selectmen of Douglas.

Treasurer's Report.

GILBERT W. ROWLEY, Treasurer.

1917		DR.
	Cash on hand	\$4,862 18
Jan.	10 District Court.....	22 89
	12 Temporary aid, State Treasurer.....	14 00
	15 E. P. Heath, Collector, No. 20 taxes, 1916.....	300 00
	“ “ “ “ 19 “ 1915.....	6 63
	27 State school fund, State Treasurer.....	1,241 90
Feb.	2 Town hall rent, dancing class	6 00
	Interest, Worcester Trust Co.....	2 76
	3 Interest, Massachusetts Trust Co.....	15 70
	8 License, butcher, Alphonzo Chase	1 00
	12 Town hall, rent, O. E. S., John Clark....	3 00
	Outside poor, Mary Lawrence, Boston...	25 00
	16 Town hall, rent, D. A. R., Mrs.W. B. Pine.....	3 00
	17 “ “ “ dancing class.....	6 00
	27 “ “ “ “ “	6 00
	28 Sidewalks, 1916, W. E. Schuster.....	152 05
March	3 Interest, Massachusetts Trust Co.	13 64
	5 E. P. Heath, Coll., No. 21, taxes 1916 ..	359 14
	“ “ “ “ 20, “ 1915....	1 76
	14 “ “ “ “ 22, “ 1916 ..	127 18
	23 Town hall, rent, dancing class.....	9 00
April	2 License, undertaker, Francisco Bowen ..	1 00
	“ “ E. E. Young.	1 00
	4 “ peddlers, H. S. Hewett, No. 441.....	8 00
	9 Court money, Second District Court.....	18 67

April	3	Interest, Massachusetts Trust Co.	\$9 37
	30	License, auctioneers, Baldwin	2 00
		Cemetery, two lots sold, Willie Manahan.	28 00
May	1	License, pool and billiards, Amos Goodness	20 00
	2	Interest, Massachusetts Trust Co.	5 59
	4	Note No. 4, Walter E. Schuster.	1,000 00
	22	Rent, Town hall, Slavonia club.	3 00
	24	License, auctioneers, F. J. Libby	2 00
		“ pool, Elmwood club.	10 00
	28	Note No. 4, Walter E. Schuster.	2,000 00
June	4	“ “ 4, “ “	4,000 00
		Interest, Massachusetts Trust Co.	1 73
	12	E. P. Heath, Coll., No. 23, taxes 1914. . .	15 07
		“ “ “ “ 1916. . .	110 07
	14	License, junk, Isaac Shor.	20 00
July	3	Note No. 5, Willie R. Wallis.	1,000 00
	6	Temporary aid, State Treasurer	296 05
	13	Court money Second District Court.	75 16
		State—Support of sick paupers. . \$61 00	
		“ Temporary aid.	19 60
		“ Mothers, depend. children 36 00	
			<hr/> 116 60
	17	License, show, R. T. Richards.	5 00
	18	Interest, Massachusetts Trust Co.	6 74
Aug.	2	Note No. 6, Walter E. Schuster.	1,000 00
		Interest, Massachusetts Trust Co.	3 86
	6	License, auctioneer, W. H. Herendeen. . .	2 00
		Note No. 7, Walter E. Schuster.	1,000 00
	21	E. P. Heath, Coll., No. 24, taxes 1916. . .	74 25
Sept.	6	Frank E. Jones, Coll., No. 1, taxes 1917	3,163 04
	7	State—Support sick paupers . . . \$47 40	
		“ Temporary aid.	260 84
		“ Burial of paupers	15 00
			<hr/> 323 24
		School tuition high, State Treasurer.	500 00
	8	Frank E. Jones, Coll., No. 2, taxes 1917	3,750 00
	10	Est. Arthur Rice, H. D. Mowry rec'd 1916.	4 00
Sept.	12	School tuition, Delina Donias, 1916-17. .	30 00
	13	Interest, Massachusetts Trust Co.	1 97
	15	E. P. Heath, Coll., No. 21, taxes 1915 . . .	13 10
		“ “ “ “ 25, “ 1916. . .	18 72
		“ “ “ credit 1915 taxes to 1916	13 10
	19	School tuition, James Cranska	30 00

Sept.	20	School Union, State Treasurer	\$500 00
		School tuition, M. J. Woodrow	30 00
	21	Frank E. Jones, Coll., No. 3, taxes 1917..	1,638 40
	24.	Overseers of Poor, Estate P. J. Robbins	21 55
	28	Frank E. Jones, Coll., No. 4, taxes 1917..	1,946 29
Oct.	2	Interest, Massachusetts Trust Co	10 36
	5	Frank E. Jones, Coll., No. 5, taxes 1917..	1,664 25
	9	" " " " 6, " "	1,209 47
	13	Court money, Second District Court	89 87
	15	Frank E. Jones, Coll., No. 7, taxes 1917..	3,018 89
	19	" " " " 8, " "	2,045 67
		" " " " 9, " "	1,835 17
Nov.	2	Interest, Massachusetts Trust Co.	21 29
	16	Rent of Town hall, Albert Fairfield.	3 00

State Treasurer :—

		Corporation tax, Pub. Serv. \$953 10	
		" " business . 5,331 83	
		Income tax	1,899 18
		National Bank tax	284 53
		Mothers Depend. Children	244 51
		" " " "	66 00
		Temporary aid	11 50
		" "	117 85
		School tuition of children..	216 75
		Military aid	688 00
		Soldiers exemption	10 72
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			9,823 97
	28	Frank E. Jones, Coll., No. 10, taxes 1917	1,140 05
	30	Transportation Mrs. Mary Simon, State Board of Charity, H. D. Mowry.	10 00
Dec.	4	Interest, Massachusetts Trust Co.	22 68
	10	Peddlers license, State Commissioner of Weights and Measures	32 00
	28	Income Tax, State Treasurer	148 00
1918			
Jan.	4	Frank E. Jones, Coll., No. 11, taxes 1917	880 66
		Dog fund, County Treasurer	219 39
	9	Court money, Second District Court	73 50
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			\$52,245 62

1917		CR.
Jan.	19 H. D. Mowry, temporary aid	\$14 00
Feb.	5 Selectmen's orders, 2104 to 2109	1,669 09
	19 License, liquor, due State Treasurer	25
	28 H. D. Mowry, poor, City of Boston	25 00
March	5 Court money, Herbert Hughes \$13 12	
	“ “ Andrew G. Keith. 10 48	
		<hr/> 23 60
	E. P. Heath, Tax Coll., abatements 1916	\$146 62
	E. P. Heath, Coll., inhabitant tax 19 01	
		<hr/> 165 63
	E. P. Heath, Coll., abatements 1915	1 76
	Selectmen's orders, 2110 to 2120	1,622 34
April	2 “ “ 2121 to 2135	2,215 68
	30 “ “ 2136 to 2144	1,051 72
May	4 Court money, Herbert Hughes. \$28 69	
	“ “ J. B. Howard 23 68	
		<hr/> 52 37
June	4 Selectmen's orders, 2145 to 2158	3,376 46
	5 Court money, E. P. Heath	6 14
	12 E. P. Heath, Coll., abatements 1914	15 07
	“ “ “ “ 1916	30 14
July	2 Selectmen's orders, 2159 to 2169A	4,408 35
	20 H. D. Mowry—Temporary aid. \$315 65	
	“ “ Support sick paupers 61 00	
	“ “ Mothers with dependent children 36 00	
		<hr/> 412 65
Aug.	6 Selectmen's orders, 2169B to 2175	2,131 38
	7 E. P. Heath, Coll., taxes 1915 to balance 10 01	
	13 Court money, H. E. Hughes . . . \$35 25	
	“ “ Albert Dansereau 23 74	
	“ “ E. P. Heath 13 04	
		<hr/> 72 03
Sept.	6 Court money, E. P. Heath	15 83
	4 Scott cemetery lot, W. H. Herendeen \$2 00	
	Whiting cemetery lot, W. H. Herendeen 2 00	
		<hr/> 4 00

1917		CR.
Sept.	10	Selectmen's orders, 2176 to 2186..... \$1,964 51
		H. D. Mowry, transportation of paupers.. 1 90
		" " estate Arthur Rice..... 4 00
	15	E. P. Heath, Coll.:—
		Abatements 1916..... \$6 88
		Annie Tillinghast, deed 1915 3 93
		" " 1916 5 24
		Sylvia Moss, 1915..... 1 98
		" " 1916..... 2 62
		Frank Donaldson, 1915. . 3 93
		" " 1916... 5 24
		----- 29 82
		Charge 1915 taxes to 1916..... 13 10
	24	H. D. Mowry, Overseer of Poor..... 21 55
Oct.	1	Selectmen's orders, 2187 to 2198..... 3,764 57
	2	H. D. Mowry, State Treasurer 326 74
		Court money, H. E. Hughes . . . \$27 50
		" " Albert Dansereau. 23 24
		" " E. P. Heath.... 60 70
		----- 111 44
Nov.	5	Selectmen's orders, 2199 to 2211 11,419 28
		Court money, E. P. Heath..... \$20 68
		" " Albert Dansereau. 16 54
		----- 37 22
	16	State tax, State Treasurer . . . \$4,070 00
		State highways, repairs, State
		Treasurer..... 213 00
		----- 4,283 00
	22	Aiding mother, H. D. Mowry... \$244 51
		" " " " . . . 66 00
		Support of sick paupers, Mowry 11 50
		Temporary aid, H. D. Mowry.. 114 35
		----- 436 36
	30	H. D. Mowry, trans. Mrs. Mary Simmons 10 00
Dec.	3	Selectmen's orders, 2212 to 2218. . . . 3,103 97
	4	Court money, Albert Dansereau..... 25 56
1918		
Jan.	4	C. J. Batcheller, dog fund 219 39
	7	Selectmen's orders, 2219 to 2238..... 4,472 61

10	Court money, E. P. Heath.....	\$5 64	
	“ “ J. B. Horton, Ux'ge	5 88	
		<hr/>	\$11 52
	By cash.....	4,665 58	
		<hr/>	\$52,245 62

ASSETS.

Cash on hand, January 1, 1918.	\$4,665 58
Due from F. E. Jones, Collector, 1917.....	967 16
Due from State Aid... ..	663 00
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	\$6,295 74
In trust, Henry Whiting Fund, Peoples Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot.....	\$136 24
In trust, Sarah E. Scott, Peoples Savings Bank, Wor- cester, for care of cemetery lot.....	\$60 60
In trust, Ezra Aldrich Fund, Peoples Savings Bank Worcester, for care of cemetery lot.....	\$114 84

GILBERT W. ROWLEY,

Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF AUDITOR.

Office of WILLIAM FRANKLIN HALL, C. P. A.,

Exchange Building, 53 State St., Boston, Feb. 1, 1918.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Town of Douglas, Mass.

GENTLEMEN :

I have examined the books and accounts of the Town Treasurer, Agent of Devise of Moses Wallis, Tax Collector and Overseers of Poor, for the year ending December 31, 1917, and find them to be in excellent condition, and all funds fully accounted for. The Treasurer's cash was verified and found to be as follows :

On deposit in Massachusetts Trust Co., as per check
book \$4,665 58
which agrees with the balance as required by the cash book.

DOUGLAS WATER DEPARTMENT.

Balance on hand February 29, 1917	\$723 07
Received to December 31, 1917	3,288 58

	\$4,011 65
Payments to December 31, 1917	3,405 10

Balance on hand December 31, 1917	\$606 55
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This balance is located as follows :

On deposit in Old Colony Trust Co.	\$37 17
Deposits in January, 1918	952 95

	\$990 12
Less checks outstanding	383 57

Balance per check book	\$606 55
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Respectfully submitted,

WM. FRANKLIN HALL, C. P. A.,

Accountant and Auditor.

Report of the Water Commissioners.

The new state law, requiring all towns to close their financial year the First of January, leaves scant time for us to make our collections in full for the last quarter of the year. On the closing of our accounts for 1917, there was still due the waterworks, uncollected, \$229.50.

Water bonds Nos. 7 and 8 were paid last July, and Nos. 9 and 10 will be paid the coming July 1st. After July 1st, there will remain 32 more bonds outstanding.

RECEIVED FROM MAKING HOUSE CONNECTIONS.

1917

March 29	To received for making house connections	\$25 00
August 2	“ “ “ “ “ “	47 56
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		\$72 56

LABOR AND SUPPLIES IN MAKING HOUSE CONNECTIONS.

1917

Feb. 9	By paid Charles Raguso, labor.....	\$15 00
April 10	Washburn & Garfield, valves...	4 47
May 19	Walter Lemay, labor.....	3 75
24	Mike Carter, labor.....	4 50
	Patrick Carter, labor.....	8 70
Aug. 31	Town of Uxbridge, supplies...	3 75

Oct.	25	By paid	Agostine Fina, labor	\$ 2 50
			Eddie Cooke, labor	2 00
			Charles Raguso, labor	23 20
Dec.	31		Town of Uxbridge, supplies . . .	3 75
			W. R. Wallis, supplies for 3 yrs.	88 01
			Freight, express and cartage . . .	1 31
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				\$160 94

OPERATING RECEIPTS.

1917

March	27	To received for water service..	\$79 50
April	19	“ “ “ “	270 00
		“ sprinkler service..	18 44
May	11	“ water service	101 13
July	2	“ “ “ “	246 00
		“ sprinkler service..	18 44
	9	“ water service	155 50
August	2	“ “ “ “	66 44
Oct.	12	“ “ “ “	275 80
		“ sprinkler service..	18 44
	25	“ water service	114 50
Nov.	27	“ “ “ “	68 50
Dec.	31	“ “ “ “	934 51
		“ sprinkler service..	18 44

Cash income \$2,385 64

To 53 town hydrants, valued at 1,590 00

Water for watering trough, library and bubbling fountain, valued at \$200 00

OPERATING EXPENSES.

1917

By paid	E. R. Correll, Supt	\$624 00
	Worcester Sub. Electric Co., power for pumping	548 90
	“ “ “ “ lights	10 25
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		\$1,183 15

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

1917

To received for thawing water pipes	\$10 00
Town appropriation to help pay water bonds Nos. 7 and 8.....	800 00
Interest on deposits.....	8 03
Refund on labor	2 00
Allowance for old copper heater	10 35
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	\$830 38
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MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS.

1917

By paid Frank E. Jones, coal for pumping station	\$5 00
J. W. Wixtead, supplies.....	1 25
National Meter Co., repair parts.....	7 92
Rumsey Pump Co., repair parts.....	4 23
Worcester Sub. Electric Co., motor bearings	9 26
Small supplies	1 85
Worcester Sub. Elec. Co., thawing frozen pipes	27 00
Rubber boots.	4 50
Paying water bonds, Nos. 7 and 8.....	2,000 00
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	\$2,061 01
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RECAPITULATION.

Dr.

1917

January 1	To cash balance in town treasury.....	\$723 07
Dec. 31	To received for making house connections	72 56
	“ for water and sprinkler service	2,385 64
	“ miscellaneous receipts.....	830 38
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		\$4,011 65
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By paid for labor and supplies for house		
connections	\$160	94
Operating expenses.	1,183	15
Miscellaneous expenses	2,061	01
1918		
January 1 By cash balance in town treas.	606	55
	-----	\$4,011 65
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WILLIE R. WALLIS,
 CHARLES J. BATCHELLER,
 HERBERT N. LOUGEE,

Water Commissioners.

Report of Treasurer

DOUGLAS WATER WORKS.



1917		DR.
January 1	Cash on hand.....	\$723 07
March 7	Charles Raguso, refund order No. 394...	2 00
29	C. J. Batcheller, commissioner.....	104 50
April 19	" " ".....	288 44
May 11	" " ".....	101 13
July 1	Gilbert W. Rowley, Treas. town of Douglas	800 00
2	C. J. Batcheller, commissioner.....	264 44
9	" " ".....	155 50
August 2	" " ".....	114 00
Oct. 12	" " ".....	304 24
25	" " ".....	114 50
Nov. 27	" " ".....	68 50
Dec. 3	Badger Fire Extinguisher Company....	10 35

1918		
Jan. 15	C. J. Batcheller.....	952 95
	Interest for year.....	8 03
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		\$4,011 65

1917				C.R.
Feb.	Water Commissioner's Orders,	419 to 421		\$111 00
March	"	"	422 and 423	53 00
April	"	"	424 to 431	220 63
May	"	"	432 to 436	66 80
June	"	"	437 and 438	2,048 00
August	"	"	439 to 443	304 05
October	"	"	444 to 447	75 70
November	"	"	448	142 35

1918				
January	"	"	449 to 456	383 57
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				\$3,405 10
By cash on hand,				606 55
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				\$4,011 65

GILBERT W. ROWLEY, *Treasurer.*

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1917.



BIRTHS.

Whole number	69
Number of males	33
Number of females... ..	36
	— 69
American parentage	16
Foreign parentage	45
Mixed parentage... ..	8
	— 69

MARRIAGES.

Whole number.....	19
American birth	29
Foreign birth	9
Residents of Douglas	24
Elsewhere	14
First marriage.....	37
Second marriage.....	1

DEATHS.

Whole number	27
Male	13
Female	14
	— 27

American birth.....	16	
Foreign birth.....	8	
Unknown birth.....	3	
	—	27

Number under 1 year.....	3	
Between 1 and 5 years.....	0	
“ 5 “ 10 “.....	0	
“ 10 “ 20 “.....	1	
“ 20 “ 30 “.....	1	
“ 30 “ 40 “.....	2	
“ 40 “ 50 “.....	1	
“ 50 “ 60 “.....	3	
“ 60 “ 70 “.....	6	
“ 70 “ 80 “.....	7	
“ 80 “ 90 “.....	3	
	—	27

DOGS REGISTERED.

Whole number.....	124	
Males, 116 at \$2.00.....	\$232 00	
Females, 8 at \$5.00.....	40 00	
	—————	\$272 00
Less fees, 124 at 20c.....	24 80	
	—————	\$247 20
Paid to County Treasurer.....	\$247 20	

J. B. CHAPDELAIN, JR.,

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Simon Fairfield Public Library.

1917

DR.

Jan. 1 Unexpended balances as follows:—

From town appropriation	\$17 34
Balance on deposit	174 56

 \$191 90

Income for the year as follows:—

Dog fund	\$219 39
Fairfield fund	220 40
Smith fund	240 00
Keith fund, two years	16 48
Schuster fund	40 00
Taft fund	20 00
Received for fines	21 93
Town appropriation	150 00

 \$928 20

 \$1,120 10

1917

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Expenses for the year as follows:

Paid Rosalie E. Williams, librarian	\$364 00
Martha Belding, assistant librarian	12 00
Herbert E. Hughes, janitor	76 00

Paid Worcester Suburban Electric Co.	\$41 40	
H. C. Holden, newspapers.	14 25	
Magazine subscriptions.	40 90	
Books.	16 27	
Library cards.	4 36	
Removing ashes and sundry labor.	4 50	
Library supplies.	6 70	
Annual sub. to Reader's Guide	6 00	
R. Moore, two trimmings of shrubs.	3 00	
Frank E. Jones, coal	152 00	
W. R. Wallis, kindling and cement.	4 00	
Snow shovel	50	
Bookbinding	19 61	
J. W. Wixtead, supplies.	4 58	
Lawn mower.	4 65	
Mrs. Johnson, cleaning library.	10 00	
Stovepipe.	1 50	
M. A. Lofstedt, electrical repairs.	6 00	
Freight, cartage and express	5 62	
Electric bulbs.	3 60	
	<hr/>	\$801 44

Dec. 31 Balance on deposit.	\$151 32	
Due from town on appropriations.	167 34	
	<hr/>	\$318 66
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		\$1,120 10
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ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

Mrs. Royal Keith fund.	\$200 00	
James M. Fairfield fund.	5,000 00	
James Smith fund.	6,000 00	
Arthur M. Taft fund	500 00	
Winfield S. Schuster fund.	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$12,700 00

CHARLES J. BATCHELLER, *Treasurer.*

Annual Report of the OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

From January 1, 1917 to January 1, 1918.

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Douglas :

Gentlemen: The report of the Overseers of the Poor from January 1, 1917 to January 1, 1918, is herewith submitted.

A. E. DIXSON, Supt. of Almshouse.

Personal property at almshouse as per inventory ;

January 1, 1917	\$2,934 42
January 1, 1918, as follows :	
Household furniture and provisions	
in cellar	\$965 71
Contents of woodhouse, wash-house,	
fowls and grain.....	338 00
Farming tools and wagons.....	607 75
One pair horses	300 00
Nine cows, one bull, one heifer.....	1,025 00
Seven large pigs, two small pigs....	330 00
Twenty-five tons ensilage	200 00
Twelve tons hay.....	240 00
Grain.....	51 90
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	\$4,058 36
Increase.....	\$1,123 94

We have made the Superintendent debtor to what he has received for labor, produce, etc., and credited him with what he has paid out as follows :

DR.

Cash on hand January 1, 1917	\$82 34	
Eggs	31 86	
Team work and labor	70 10	
Pigs	266 98	
Milk	80 01	
Hens	83 95	
Board	100 00	
Calves	44 66	
One cow	55 00	
One bull	55 00	
Miscellaneous	80 31	
Cash from Henry D. Mowry	100 00	
Butter	658 01	
Received Josephine Robbins estate	20 76	
	<hr/>	\$1,728 98

CR.

Grain, groceries and supplies	\$970 94	
Blacksmith and repairs	46 06	
Doctors bills and medicines	26 07	
Pigs	63 00	
Cows	240 00	
Hens	37 50	
Telephone	3 37	
Labor	202 39	
Miscellaneous	20 28	
	<hr/>	\$1,609 61
Cash on hand January 1, 1918	119 37	
	<hr/>	\$1,728 98

TOTAL PAYMENTS, TOWN ACCOUNT.

The Overseers have paid the following bills at Almshouse :

Almshouse salaries	\$570 84
Cash for almshouse	100 00
Groceries and grain	1,445 73

Fertilizer	\$51 00	
Doctors bills	25 50	
One stove	14 60	
W. E. Jones, sundries	19 35	
W. R. Wallis, sundries	23 11	
	<hr/>	\$2,250 13

REPAIRS.

A. E. Gove, on chimney	\$16 43	
W. E. Balcom, labor	31 00	
B. A. Stockwell, labor	26 50	
W. R. Wallis, sundries	177 14	
	<hr/>	\$251 07

SUMMARY.

Superintendent has paid for supplies as per this report	\$1,609 61	
Overseers have paid out as per this report	2,501 20	
	<hr/>	\$4,110 81
Superintendent for labor, produce and board received	\$1,728 98	
Increase as per inventory	1,123 94	
	<hr/>	\$2,852 92
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		\$1,257 89

OUTSIDE POOR.

No. 1	\$3 00	
2	83 41	
3	39 29	
4	13 00	
5	13 00	
6	53 00	
7	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$244 70

STATE AID ACCOUNT.

No. 1	\$191 60	
2	450 93	
3	15 00	
4	9 00	

No. 5.....	\$11 29	
6.....	10 00	
7	100 00	
8.....	146 51	
9.....	142 50	
10	273 00	
11	19 35	
12.....	59 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,428 68

LOCKUP ACCOUNT.

Lockup expense	\$36 46	
Miscellaneous	65 79	
	<hr/>	\$102 25

TOTAL PAYMENTS.

At almshouse	\$2,250 13	
At almshouse, repairs.....	251 07	
Outside poor	244 70	
State Aid account	1,428 68	
Lockup and miscellaneous	102 25	
	<hr/>	\$4,276 83

RECEIPTS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

Cash on hand January 1, 1917.....	\$74 00	
Received from Town Treasurer.....	3,000 00	
“ “ State	1,201 65	
“ “ City of Boston.....	25 00	
“ “ Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., account Jos- ephine Robbins Est... ..	21 55	
	<hr/>	\$4,322 20
Deduct total payments.....	4,276 83	
	<hr/>	\$45 37
January 1, 1918 cash balance on hand.....		\$45 37
Amount due from State.....		\$744 13

COST OF POOR AT ALMSHOUSE THIS YEAR.

Inmates at almshouse, January 1, 1918.

NO.	AGE	WEEKS	DAYS
1	88	52	
2	42	52	
3	65	52	
4	62	26	5
5	62	26	13
6	62	52	
7	72	11	
8	60	11	
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		284	18
Cost per week.....			\$4 43

THE OVERSEERS HAVE RECEIVED FOR THEIR SERVICES.

Henry D. Mowry.....	\$100 00
Paul D. Manning....	25 00
Orlan F. Chase....	25 00
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	\$150 00

HENRY D. MOWRY,
PAUL D. MANNING,
ORLAN F. CHASE,

Overseers of the Poor.

January 17, 1918.

The accounts of the Overseers of the Poor have been examined and receipts and disbursements are properly recorded.

WM. FRANKLIN HALL, C. P. A.,

Per Arthur T. Byrnes.

Report of Willie R. Wallis, Agent
ON THE
DEVISE OF MOSES WALLIS
To the Town of Douglas

For the Year Ending January 1, 1918.

The Agent charges himself with amounts due the town January 1, 1917. as follows :

Notes due the town.....	\$2,225 00
Accrued interest	135 86
Deposited Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co. and interest.....	42,640 68
Cash in hands of Agent.....	6 00
	————— \$45,007 54

1917

Jan. 1	Cash in hands of Agent.....	\$6 00
Feb. 17	Ordeal Casey, Int.....	28 30
	Frank Duval, "	46 75
March 1	John C. F. Bates, on Prin....	25 00
	" " " Int.....	1 25
	" " " "	25
16	Dave Lunn, Int	30 00
24	John C. F. Bates, Prin.....	25 00
	" " " Int.....	38
April 25	R. I. H. Trust Co., Int.....	536 88

June	1	Agnes Govin, Int.....	\$15 45
		“ “ Prin.....	300 00
		“ “ Int.....	7 50
	30	John C. F. Bates, Prin.....	25 00
		“ “ “ Int.....	75
Aug.	10	W. H. Evans, Int.....	24 00
Oct.	25	R. I. H. Trust Co., Int.....	872 58
	26	“ “ “ for Liberty Bond..	25,000 00
Dec.	22	Ordeal Casey, Int.....	30 00
	31	R. I. H. Trust Co., Int.....	154 14
		Int. due on Bond, Nov. 15 to Jan. 1.....	126 00
			<hr/> \$27,255 23

1917

Agent paid out as follows:

April	25	Dep. R. I. H. Trust Co., Int.	\$536 88
June	5	Care of Devise, 10 mo., 1916	62 50
		Deposited R. I. H. Trust Co.	423 38
Oct.	25	Dep. R. I. H. Trust Co., Int.	872 58
	26	Liberty 4% Bond.....	25,000 00
Dec.	31	Dep. R. I. H. Trust Co., Int.	154 14
		Int. due on Liberty Bond....	126 00
		Care of Devise, 1917.....	75 00
		Cash in hands of Agent.....	4 75
			<hr/> \$27,255 23

NOTES DUE THE TOWN JANUARY 1, 1918.

Maker of Note	Paid by	Principal	Interest
Salina Casey	Ordeal Casey	\$500 00	
Potter M. Bates	John C. F. Bates	25 00	\$1 50
Frank Duval		300 00	18 00
Frank Duval		125 00	7 50
David and Ainos Lunn	David Lunn	500 00	63 33
Edward M. Southwick	Wm. H. Evans	400 00	8 78
		<hr/> \$1,850 00	<hr/> \$99 11

RECAPITULATION.

Cash in hands of Agent.....	\$6 00	
Cash received during the year.....	25,559 63	
Interest received R. I. H. Trust Co	1,563 60	
	<hr/>	\$27,129 23

Cash paid out during the year:

Deposited R. I. H. Trust Co.....	\$423 38	
Int. deposited R. I. H. Trust Co.....	1,563 60	
Care of Devise, 1 year, 10 months.....	137 50	
Cash in hands of Agent.....	4 75	
Liberty Bond	25,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$27,129 23

Notes due the town.....	\$1,850 00	
Accrued interest on notes.....	99 11	
Dep. R. I. H. Trust Co. and int. to date	19,627 66	
Cash in hands of Agent....	4 75	
Liberty Bond and interest.....	25,126 00	
	<hr/>	\$46,707 52
Value of Devise January 1, 1917.....	44,945 04	
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Net gain for the year.....	\$1,762 48	

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIE R. WALLIS, *Agent.*

Report of Tax Collector

TO JANUARY 1st, FOR YEAR 1917.

The Assessors, for the year 1917, committed to me on the 17th day of September, 1917, the Collector's book with warrants to collect and pay over to the Treasurer of said Town of Douglas the sum of..		\$22,538 13
Oct. 4th, sidewalk assessment.....		720 92
	Total	<u>\$23,259 05</u>
I have collected and paid over to Treasurer of said Town in cash		22,291 89
		<u>\$967 16</u>
Leaving a balance uncollected January 1st....		\$967 16
Since January 1st, additional assessments.....		26 00
		<u>\$993 16</u>
I have collected since January 1st and paid to Treasurer in cash and abatements		839 12
		<u>\$154 04</u>
Leaving a balance February 25th of		\$154 04
Interest collected to date.....		\$12 43

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. JONES, *Collector.*

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

For the Year 1917.

The following is a report of the work done on the town trees :

W. E. Carpenter, 208½ hours.....	\$69 78	
W. E. Carpenter, team, 59 hours.....	11 47	
W. L. Carpenter, 117 hours.....	35 09	
F. Foster, 44 hours.....	13 20	
R. Carpenter, 3 hours.....	45	
	<hr/>	\$129 99

SUPPLIES.

H. R. More, bolts, rods, etc.....	\$2 48	
W. R. Wallis, rope and lumber.....	4 80	
W. E. Jones, repairs of saws and tar....	1 45	
	<hr/>	\$8 73
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		\$138 72
Received for damaged tree		\$1 50
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		\$137 22

W. E. CARPENTER, *Tree Warden.*

REPORT OF Road Commissioner.

W. W. Buxton, 766 hours at 35c	\$268 10
1 horse on cart, 408 hours at $15\frac{5}{8}$ c.....	63 75
1 horse on cart, 369 hours at $18\frac{3}{4}$ c.....	68 19
2 horses on cart, 16 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.	6 00
Philip Manning, 465 hours at 25c... ..	116 25
2 horses on cart, 176 hours at $31\frac{1}{4}$ c... ..	55 00
2 horses on cart, 293 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.....	109 88
Ralph Dudley, 2 horses on cart, 171 hours at $31\frac{1}{4}$ c..	53 43
W. H. Parker, 2 horses on cart, 194 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c..	72 75
F. J. Kenyon, 2 horses on cart, 143 hours at $31\frac{1}{4}$ c..	44 68
3 horses on scraper, 19 hours at $56\frac{3}{4}$ c... ..	10 76
1 horse, 5 hours at 15c	75
2 horses on cart, 104 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c.....	39 00
Orlan Chase, 2 horses on cart, 54 hours at $31\frac{1}{4}$ c... ..	16 87 $\frac{1}{2}$
1 horse on cart, 4 hours at $15\frac{5}{8}$ c.....	62 $\frac{1}{2}$
Henry Peters, 2 horses on cart, 62 hours at $31\frac{1}{4}$ c....	19 38
1 horse, 31 hours at $15\frac{3}{4}$ c.	4 85
Palmer Converse, 1 horse 8 hours at $15\frac{3}{4}$ c.....	1 25
Myron Chase, 1 horse 31 hours at $18\frac{3}{4}$ c.....	5 81
John Dobbier, 1 horse 3 hours at $18\frac{3}{4}$ c.....	57
Harold Freeman, 32 hours at 25c.....	8 00
George Moore, 54 hours at 25c	13 50
George Church, 5 hours at 25c	1 25
Orlan Chase, 58 hours at 25c.....	14 50
Leon Chase, 57 hours at 25c	14 25
Henry Chase, 80 hours at 25c.....	20 00
Myron Chase, 197 hours at 25c	49 25
Elwin Chase, $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours at 25c	1 13
Henry A. Peters, 89 hours at 25c.....	22 25
John Delaney, 708 hours at 25c.....	177 25
John Folloni, 64 hours at 25c	16 00

Levi Holt, 10 hours at 25c.....	\$ 2 50
Charles Dudley, 100 hours at 25c	25 00
Frank Kenyon, 288 hours at 25c	72 00
Elmer Kenyon, 63 hours at 20c	12 60
Sumner Stowe, 228 hours at 25c	57 00
Palmer Converse, 8 hours at 25c	2 00
Clifford Lunn, 60 hours at 25c	15 00
George Koslak, 257 hours at 25c.....	64 25
Ham John, 364 hours at 25c	91 00
Wallace Freeman, 16 hours at 20c.....	3 20
Ernest Gerard, 194 hours at 25c	48 50
John St. Andrews, 10 hours at 25c	2 50
Joe Horton, 283 hours at 25c	70 75
Jim Mculley, 146 hours at 25c	36 50
George Chandler, 87 hours at 25c	21 75
C. Bordeau, 20 hours at 25c.....	5 00
L. Stratton, 54 hours at 25c	13 50
J. Forgit, 16 hours at 25c	4 00
Emil Rein, 4 hours at 25c	1 00
Sam Seagreaves, 5½ hours at 25c.....	1 38
John Dalbeies, 3 hours at 25c	75
William Balcom, 9 hours at 40c	3 60
Charles Maynard, 35 loads of gravel at 5c per load..	1 75
Mr. Green, 63 " " " " ..	3 15
Walter Thompson, 22 " " " " ..	1 10
Mrs. Thayer, 19 " " " " ..	95
Mary Chapman.....	4 45
A. B. Simmons, 72 loads of gravel at 5c per load.	3 60
George South, 37 " " " " ..	1 85
Paul D. Manning, 65 " " " " ..	3 25
W. H. Parker, 16 " " " " ..	80
L. Buffum, 38 " " 10c " ..	3 80
Charles Church, 10 " " 5c " ..	50
Walter Carpenter, 47 " " 10c " ..	4 70
Mr. Brown, 26 " " 5c " ..	1 30
Frank Young, 28 " " " " ..	1 40
W. W. Buxton, 22 " " " " ..	1 10
Mr. Guertin, 30 " " " " ..	1 50
W. W. Buxton, 26 " " " " ..	1 30
C. E. Wallis, railing for Oxford road, 525 ft. at 2c ft.	10 50
41 posts at 20c per post	8 20
Walter Carpenter, 55 ft. railing at 1c per ft.....	55
W. H. Parker, 18 ft. plank at 2½c per ft.....	45
Orlan Chase, 24 ft. plank at 2½c per ft.....	60
W. W. Buxton, 29 hours at 35c.....	10 15

1 horse 10 hours at $18\frac{3}{4}$ c	\$1 87 $\frac{1}{2}$
Joe Horton, 32 hours at 25c	8 00
Dan Dudley, sharpening tools	2 60
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	\$1,928 49

STONE ROADS.

W. W. Buxton, 515 hours at 35c	\$180 25
2 horses, 64 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c	24 00
1 horse, 263 hours at $15\frac{5}{8}$ c	41 09
1 horse, 249 hours at $18\frac{3}{4}$ c	46 69
Philip Manning, 2 horses on cart, 244 hours at $31\frac{1}{4}$ c	76 25
2 horses on cart, 32 hours at $37\frac{1}{2}$ c	12 00
Ralph Dudley, 2 horses on cart, 140 hours at $31\frac{1}{4}$ c	43 74
H. Jarvis, 2 horses on cart, 5 hours at $31\frac{1}{4}$ c	1 56
Guilford Dudley, 2 horses on cart, 8 hours at $31\frac{1}{4}$ c	2 50
Palmer Converse, 2 horses on cart, 5 hours at $31\frac{1}{4}$ c	1 56
Harold Freeman, 26 hours at 25c	6 50
George Moore, 5 hours at 25c	1 25
Arthur Morse, 5 hours at 25c	1 25
Henry Jarvis, 5 hours at 25c	1 25
William Smith, 5 hours at 25c	1 25
Edward Cook, 12 hours at 25c	3 00
Joe Mack, 33 hours at 25c	8 25
Albert Foster, 68 hours at 25c	17 00
Louis Titus, 8 hours at 25c	2 00
Phillip Manning, 284 hours at 25c	71 00
John Delaney, 287 hours at 25c	71 75
John Folloni, 63 hours at 25c	15 75
Ernest Labelle, 142 hours at 25c	35 50
Clifford Lunn, 77 hours at 25c	19 25
Guilford Dudley, 8 hours at 25c	2 00
Emil Rein, 60 hours at 25c	15 00
Han John, 32 hours at 25c	8 00
Joe Horton, 88 hours at 25c	22 00
Wallace Freeman, 3 hours at 20c	60
Raymond Barton, 16 hours at 25c	4 00
Myron Chase, 64 hours at 25c	16 00
Mr. Stowe, 32 hours at 25c	8 00
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	\$760 24

SAND FOR OILING STONE ROAD.

William Buxton, 101 loads at 5c per load.....	\$5 05
Fuller Jones, 59 loads at 5c per load....	2 95
William Buxton, 57 loads gravel at 5c per load	2 85
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	\$10 85

SNOW ROADS.

W. W. Buxton, 8 hours at 35c	\$2 80
2 horses, 8 hours at 37½c.....	3 00
Harry Dudley, 2 hours at 25c....	50
2 horses, 2 hours at 37½c.....	75
Ernest Gerard, 8 hours at 25c	2 00
2 horses, (W. H. Parker's), 8 hours at 37½c ...	3 00
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	\$12 05

WILLIAM W. BUXTON, *Road Commissioner.*

SNOW ROADS.

Henry Jarvis, 70½ hours.....	\$21 15
2 horses, 70½ hours....	21 15
Louis Titus, 23 hours.....	4 60
Willie Eldrigch, 25 hours.....	5 00
Henry Peters, 30½ hours.....	6 10
2 horses, 24 hours	7 20
Wallace Freeman, 16 hours.....	3 20
W. S. Jillson, 8 hours....	1 60
Putnam Dudley, 8 hours	1 60
2 horses, 8 hours... ..	2 40
Gardner Southwick, 20 hours	4 00
James Lacey, 27 hours.....	5 40
David Heminway, 10 hours	2 00
David Lamoureux, 2 hours.....	40
Joseph Auger, 3 hours	60
G. H. Dudley, 23 hours.....	4 60

W. H. Dudley, 35 hours.....	7 00
2 horses, 35 hours.....	10 50
P. J. Manning, 7 hours.....	1 40
Alphonso Chase, 7 hours.....	1 40
Frank Putnam, 6½ hours.....	1 30
J. Bolivar, 6½ hours.....	1 30
Charles Dudley, 25 hours.....	5 00
Ernest Lunn, 6 hours.....	1 20
Palmer Converse, 56 hours.....	11 20
1 horse, 43 hours.....	5 38
Arthur Morse, 20 hours.....	4 00
Kenneth Parker, 8 hours.....	1 60
Everett Ballou, 6 hours.....	1 20
Dell Ward, 4 hours.....	80
F. J. Kenyon, 14 hours.....	2 80
2 horses, 14 hours.....	4 20
Mr. Stowe, 14 hours.....	2 80
O. F. Chase, 11½ hours.....	2 30
2 horses, 11½ hours.....	3 45
Leon Chase, 9½ hours.....	1 90
LeRoy Converse, 2 hours.....	40
Henry Chase, 2 hours.....	40
Joe Moore, 10 hours.....	3 80
George Vallier, 12 hours.....	2 40
J. Frieswick, 11 hours.....	2 20
Levi Holt, 6½ hours.....	1 30
Palmer Converse, 2 horses, 9 hours.....	2 70
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\$174 93	

HENRY JARVIS, *Road Commissioner.*

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
and Superintendent of Schools
OF THE
TOWN OF DOUGLAS

FOR THE
Year Ending December 31, 1917



WHITINSVILLE, MASS.:
PRESS OF EAGLE PRINTING CO.
1918.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

MRS. W. E. SCHUSTER.....	Term expires	March, 1918
GILBERT W. ROWLEY	" "	March, 1918
WILLIAM T. LOOMIS.....	" "	March, 1918
CHARLES J. BATCHELLER.....	" "	March, 1919
WILLIE MANAHAN.....	" "	March, 1919
FRANK H. BIRD.....	" "	March, 1920
HARRY L. STOCKWELL.....	" "	March, 1920

SUPERINTENDING COMMITTEE.

MRS. W. E. SCHUSTER, *Chairman*

GILBERT W. ROWLEY, *Secretary*

WILLIAM T. LOOMIS

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

C. L. JUDKINS

PURCHASING AGENT

CHARLES J. BATCHELLER

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

ALEX. R. JOHNSON, C. L. JUDKINS

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Winter term—Jan. 7, 1918 to March 29, 1918, 12 weeks.

Spring term—April 8, 1918 to June 28, 1918, 12 weeks.

Fall term—Sept. 3, 1918 to Dec. 20, 1918, 16 weeks.

Winter term—Dec. 30, 1918 to March 28, 1919, 13 weeks.

Spring term—April 8, 1919 to June 20, 1919, 11 weeks.

Thanksgiving recess—Nov. 28 to Dec. 2.

Christmas vacation—Dec. 21 to Dec. 30.

Spring vacation—March 29 to April 7.

GRADES.

Winter term—Jan. 7, 1918 to March 22, 1918, 11 weeks.

Spring term—April 8, 1918 to June 21, 1918, 11 weeks.

Fall term—Sept. 9, 1918 to Dec. 20, 1918, 15 weeks.

Winter term—Jan. 5, 1919 to March 28, 1919, 12 weeks.

Spring term—April 7, 1919 to June 20, 1919, 11 weeks.

Thanksgiving recess—Nov. 28 to Dec. 2.

Christmas vacation—Dec. 21 to Jan. 6.

Spring vacation—March 29 to April 7.

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL.

Three blasts of the whistle at 7.45 A. M. indicate "no-school" for the morning session.

The same signal at 11.45 A. M. signifies "no school" for the afternoon session.

The "no school" signal does not apply to the high school.

Report of the SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1917 :

In the high school, Mr. Peltier is with us a second year as Principal. As Miss Felton insisted on going to a larger school, Miss Eckstrom of Worcester was engaged to assist Mr. Peltier.

In September we decided by advice of Mr. Judkins to do away with the ninth grade. Mr. Judkins claims that the pupils can do the grade work required as well in eight years as in nine. The work has been gradually adjusted toward this end in the last school year.

Miss Pauline Carver was transferred from the fifth grade to take charge of the seventh and eighth grades. Miss Holland of Whitinsville was secured for the fifth grade. Miss Buffington, being relieved of the seventh, has now the sixth grade only. Miss Owen of Whitinsville was secured for the first grade. Miss Foley of Worcester was appointed for the West Douglas school.

We had decided to close the South Douglas school and transport the very few pupils in that district to Douglas Center. We had arranged for the transportation a few weeks before school opened in September, when so strong a protest was made by certain parents and property owners in the district that the committee threw over their plan and securing Miss Whitcomb, a resident of the district, and a graduate of our own high school as teacher, opened the school as usual.

It will be noted that expenditures have increased considerably the past year. Salaries and wages have been chiefly responsible. Books, paper and supplies of all sorts have also cost much more than formerly. Fuel prices are higher but we consider ourselves very fortunate in that we can report our coal bins as well filled at the opening of our school year.

Only necessary repairs were made the past summer. Steel ceilings for the second floor of the East Douglas building would be a great improvement. The roof and chimneys will need repairs the coming year.

Attention is called to the report of our Superintendent, especially the statistical division, also the reports of our high school Principal, Music Supervisor and Drawing Instructor.

GILBERT W. ROWLEY,

Secretary Superintending Committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.



Total amount appropriated by Town....	\$11,000 00	
Total amount received from State.....	2,458 65	
Received from Town of Sutton for tuition	90 00	
Town fund	56 48	
Unexpended balance last year.....	840 73	
		<u>\$14,445 86</u>

Total amount expended from Jan. 1, 1917 to Decem- ber 31, 1917.....	\$13,082 29	
		<u>\$1,363 57</u>
Unexpended balance.....	\$1,363 57	

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' salaries	\$7,687 00	
Superintendent's salary	776 00	
Janitors	904 05	
Fuel	1,179 09	
General expense	285 52	
Books and supplies.....	624 77	
Repairs	234 96	
Transportation	1,340 90	
Physician.....	50 00	
		<u>\$13,082 29</u>

Appropriations are asked for as follows :

General expenses, including Superintendent's salary, expenses of school committee and enforcement of the law.....	\$600 00
Expenses of instruction, including teachers' salaries, text books and supplies, and night school, also miscellaneous expenses in connection with the schools.....	6,700 00
Expenses of operating school plants, including janitors' salaries, fuel, and miscellaneous expenses in con- nection with operating school plants.....	2,000 00
Maintenance, repairs, etc., of school buildings	600 00
Auxiliary agencies, including health and transportation	1,400 00
Miscellaneous expenses (sundries).....	200 00
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	\$11,500 00

MRS. W. E. SCHUSTER,
GILBERT W. ROWLEY,
WILLIAM T. LOOMIS,

Superintending Committee.

REPORT OF THE Superintendent of Schools.

To the School Committee of Douglas:

I herewith submit my third annual report of the schools of Douglas, it being the seventeenth in the series of superintendents' reports of this district.

COST OF THE SCHOOLS.

On account of the increased cost of nearly every item connected with the schools, and the raise in salaries which we have felt justified in granting to our teachers, the expenditure for educational support for the past year in Douglas has been greater than ever before. Yet this cost is worth the while, provided we are getting an adequate return. I believe we are getting this return in the improved quality of citizenship which is in process of development in the boys and girls of our schools, who will hereafter fulfil their part in carrying on the affairs of this great republic.

A still larger appropriation for school support next year will be required, but we cannot afford to handicap the work of the schools at this time by a policy of retrenchment. If England, while engaged in a life and death struggle in the greatest war which the world has ever seen, can appropriate more money for schools than ever before, surely we, who are not weighed down by as heavy a yoke, can do as much. The protection of democracy by the right training of youth is of the utmost importance, and we should put forth every effort to carry on the work of the schools at the highest possible efficiency.

COMPARATIVE COST OF THE SCHOOLS.

Advanced sheets of the annual report of the State Board of Education just sent out show the following facts about the cost of the schools :

	Total Expenditure for support per pupil in average membership.	Teachers' Salaries per pupil in average membership.	Text-books per pupil in average membership.
Elementary schools, Douglas...	\$28 99	\$16 03	\$ 83
Elementary schools, State.....	33 78	19 72	87
High school, Douglas.....	125 50	95 74	3 15
High schools, state.....	74 18	55 94	2 04

Douglas ranks as the 275th town, out of a total of the 354 towns in the state, in the amount expended per pupil for its elementary schools, and as the 13th town in the amount expended per pupil for high school support.

INCREASE IN TEACHERS' SALARIES.

A study of the statistics of teachers' salaries given in a bulletin issued by the State Board of Education in 1917 shows how the salaries paid to Douglas teachers compare with those of other towns. The following figures are given for nearby towns of about the same population as Douglas :

Town	Population	High School Principal	High School Assistants	Grade 8-9	Teachers 1-6
Upton	2036	\$1000	\$425	\$396	\$360
Sutton	2829	900	500	432	402
Charlton	2213	900	500	432	370
Rutland.	1895	1100	450	391	360
Hopkinton.....	2475	1000	675	520	445
Shrewsbury	2794	1200	650	554	443
Holden	4405	1300	583	530	416
Douglas.	2179	900	600	532	422

Since the above statistics were published the salaries of teachers in the Douglas schools have been twice increased,—about two dollars a week in general,—and the school year lengthened for all grades two weeks, making the average now paid to Douglas teachers, for high school principal, \$1180 ; high school assistant, \$600 ; grades 7-8, \$608 ; grades 1-6. \$486.

It is probable that salaries in some of the other towns given above may also have been increased in the same proportion, but even in this case it is seen that Douglas teachers are paid considerably more than the average in towns of about the same size.

The following table shows how teachers' salaries in Douglas compare with those which were paid in 1917 in towns of about double the population :—

Town	Population	High School Principal	High School Teachers	Grade Teachers	
				8-9	1-6
Franklin	6440	\$1400	\$650	\$575	\$551
Spencer	5994	1400	700	570	532
Northbridge	9254	1600	710	665	570
Westboro	5925	1300	750	633	600
Walpole	5490	1300	688	625	613
Millbury	3547	1700	550	410	408
Oxford	3476	1425	600		437
Warren	4268	1450	600		468
Hopedale	2663	1750	700		576
Blackstone	3678	1075	725	580	480
Grafton	6250	1750	650	456	457
Uxbridge	4921	1500	780	572	398
Douglas	2179	1180	600	608	486

THE MONEY VALUE OF AN EDUCATION.

So few of the pupils who complete the work of the elementary grades in Douglas enter the high school, and so many pupils leave school to go to work, it may be well to call to the attention of parents and pupils some facts regarding the money value of an education.

Statistics taken from the last national census show that uneducated laborers earn on an average \$500 a year for forty years, or a total of \$20,000. High school graduates earn on an average \$1000 a year, or a total in 40 years of \$40,000. To prepare for and complete the work of the high school requires 12 years of school life of 180 days each, or a total of 2160 days. Therefore if 2160 days spent in school bring in \$20,000, then each day spent in school is worth \$9.02. That is, the boy who stays out of school to earn less than \$9 a day *is losing money, not making it.*

These figures are somewhat less in the case of girls, but the relative wages are the same.

The statistics referred to above also showed that factory workers, who had received a technical education, earned \$43,000 in the same time that laborers earned \$10,500.

That education increases productive power is evidenced by the fact that Massachusetts gives her citizens on the average seven years' schooling, the United States as a whole 4.4 years', and Tennessee 3 years. Massachusetts citizens produce in nor-

mal times per capita \$455 per year, citizens of the United States produce per capita \$332 per year, and those of Tennessee \$174 per year.

Recently wages have greatly advanced, and there is a strong temptation for parents to allow their children to leave school on account of the money they can earn. This is certainly a "penny wise and pound foolish" proceeding, as the present high wages are but a temporary condition and after the war is over economic affairs will quickly return to their normal state. It will then be too late to take advantage of what the schools have to offer.

NOT UP-TO-GRADE PUPILS.

A study of existing conditions in the schools of Douglas and of other towns shows that the greater part of pupils who are not up to grade are such on account of their not understanding the English language sufficiently well to get the meaning of the printed page in the various subjects studied. Hence these pupils do poor work, and advance but slowly in all subjects of study—language, arithmetic, geography, history, etc.

These pupils are for the most part of foreign parentage, and use English as a medium of intercourse for the five hours spent in school, and some other language, or dialect, during a large part of the time spent out of school. In many cases the parents could use the English language to a great extent in the home, if they would, in conversation with their children, and the general use of this tongue there would be of mutual benefit to the children and parents alike.

PHYSICAL TRAINING.

A bill has just been introduced into the legislature by the State Board of Education, which bids fair to become a law, providing for the appointment before September 1, 1918, of a director of physical education and two assistants, one of whom shall be a woman, to take charge of physical education in all public schools in the state. These directors will outline courses in physical education for all grades including the high schools. They will co-operate with the various communities in extending knowledge of the principles of physical training, and in providing adequate facilities for recreation and exercise through gymnasiums, playgrounds, summer camps and similar means.

All towns will be required to introduce this course in their public schools, rural and urban, and the time given to it in the

elementary schools shall not be less than two hours, and in the high schools, not less than three hours, a week. At the discretion of the local school committee this time may be added to the present school day.

ATTENDANCE.

There has been a great improvement in the attendance in the schools in general for the past year, the per cent. being over 2.6 higher than for the previous year. The record for punctuality has been slightly lower, but on the whole is creditable. While the greater number of our schools are to be congratulated on their fine showing in both attendance and punctuality, a few schools have nothing to be proud of in this respect, and it is the poor record of these few schools which lowers what would otherwise be an exceptionally high record. Parents of children in these schools and their teachers should make strenuous efforts to have the children cultivate the commendable habit of punctuality—a habit which may make all the difference between their success and failure in life.

IMPROVEMENTS.

During the past year the ninth grade has been abolished, which change has not seemed to affect the scholarship of the class entering the high school, the school year has been lengthened to thirty-eight weeks, the supervisors of music and drawing have given instruction in their subjects once a week instead of every two weeks as formerly, and an excellent series of text-books in physiology—the O'Shea and Kellogg texts—has been introduced in the four upper grades.

These improvements complete the list of all recommendations made by the superintendent during the past three years, and every recommendation except one—that for the introduction of domestic science and manual training—has been adopted by you.

For all this I desire to thank you, and also for your confidence in me and your support. To the teachers also I extend my thanks for their loyalty and good will.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. JUDKINS,

February 11, 1918.

Supt. of Schools.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT.

Assessed valuation, April 1, 1917.....	\$1,420,942
Population, census of 1915	2,134
No. persons in town between 5 and 16 years of age, Apr. 1, 1917--boys 200, girls 204.....	404
No. persons between 5 and 7 years of age--boys 26, girls 28	54
No. persons between 7 and 14 years of age--boys 143, girls 139	282
No. persons between 14 and 16 years of age--boys 31, girls 37.....	68
Illiterate minors, 16 to 21 years of age--males 22, females 39.....	61
Total enrollment in all the public schools during school year ending June 23, 1917	396
Average membership for school year.....	360
Average attendance for school year	346
Per cent. of attendance.....	96.11
No. school buildings in use	4
No. teachers required by the public schools	14
No. special teachers	2
No. teachers graduated from college.....	3
No. teachers graduated from normal school.....	6
No. weeks high school was in session.....	40
No. weeks E. Douglas 6-7 and 8-9 grades were in session	38
No. weeks other schools were in session.....	36
No. pupils graduated from high school.....	0
No. pupils graduated from grammar schools	19

Attendance for School Year Ending June 29, 1917.

SCHOOL	TEACHERS	Enrollment	Under 5 years	Between 5—7 years	Between 7—14 years	Between 14—16 years	Over 16 years	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance	No. Tardinesses	No. Dismissals
High.....	{ Louis J. Peltier....	21	0	0	4	12	5	18.05	17.37	96.18	40	15
E. Douglas 8-9.....	{ Mabel Felton, Asst..											
" " 6-7.....	{ Ruth E. McIntyre..	29	0	0	15	12	2	25.37	24.31	95.78	130	5
" " 5.....	{ Eunice L. Buffington	39	0	0	37	2	0	35.57	34.02	95.66	19	11
" " 4.....	{ Ethel M. Edwards..	44	0	0	43	1	0	36.37	34.52	94.91	110	9
" " 3.....	{ Pauline Carver.....											
" " 2.....	{ E. Louise Twohig..	46	0	0	45	1		45.17	42.45	93.98	52	11
" " 1 a.....	{ May C. Buxton....	45	0	0	44	0		43.90	41.26	94.00	48	6
" " 1 b.....	{ Etta H. Johnson....	49	0	5	44	0	0	45.98	44.39	96.55	21	1
Douglas Center 4-8	{ Margaret Quinn....	43	0	21	20	0	0	38.21	36.06	94.37	13	0
" " 1-3	{ Daisy E. Sweet....	21	0	8	13	0	0	20.88	19.30	92.65	152	2
" " 1-3	{ Gertrude M. Smith..	15	0	0	12	0	0	12.97	12.21	94.14	51	3
W. Douglas, Mixed	{ Mollie H. Kelley....	22	0	7	14	0	0	17.31	16.50	95.72	18	8
South " Mixed	{ Jane F. Ryan.....	18	0	3	13	0	0	14.86	13.48	87.67	129	22
	{ May Butterworth....	7	0	2	3	1	1	4.99	4.41	88.36	57	8
Totals.....		399	0	46	307	29	8	359.63	340.28	94.62	840	101

Rank of the Schools in Attendance and Punctuality for Year ending June 29, 1917.

Rank	ATTENDANCE	Per Cent. of Attendance	Rank	PUNCTUALITY	Per Cent. of Tardiness
1	East Douglas, 2	96.55	1	East Douglas, 1-a	.10
2	High	96.18	2	" " 2	.13
3	East Douglas, 8-9	95.78	3	" " 6-7	.14
4	Douglas Center, 1-3	95.72	4	Douglas Center, 1-3	.31
5	East Douglas, 6	95.66	5	East Douglas, 3	.32
6	" " 5	94.91	6	" " 4	.34
7	East Douglas, 1-a	94.37	7	High	.58
8	Douglas Center, 4-8	94.14	8	East Douglas, 5	.89
9	East Douglas, 3	94.00	9	Douglas Center, 4-8	1.15
10	" " 4	93.98	10	East Douglas, 8-9	1.44
11	" " 1-b	92.65	11	" " 1-b	2.12
12	So. Douglas, mixed	88.36	12	W. Douglas mixed	2.53
13	W. Douglas, mixed	87.67	13	So. Douglas mixed	3.35
	Average,	94.62		Average,	1.03
	Average for State	93.00			

NOTE--No record of tardiness is kept by the state. A higher tardiness than 1%, however, is regarded as unsatisfactory.

Rank of the Schools in Attendance and Punctuality, Fall Term, 1917.

Rank	ATTENDANCE	Per Cent. of Attendance	Rank	PUNCTUALITY	Per Cent. of Tardiness
1	Douglas Center, 4-8	97.11	1	Douglas Center, 1-3	.00
2	East Douglas, 2	97.09	2	Douglas Center, 4-8	.17
3	High	96.78	3	East Douglas, 2	.20
4	East Douglas, 6	96.45	4	" " 5	.22
5	" " 7-8	95.21	5	" " 3	.25
6	" " 3	94.91	6	" " 4	.30
7	" " 4	94.56	7	" " 6	.33
8	Douglas Center, 1-3	94.32	8	So. Douglas, mixed	.35
9	East Douglas, 1-b	94.10	9	East Douglas, 1-a	.36
10	" " 5	93.68	10	High	.53
11	" " 1-a	92.95	11	W. Douglas, mixed	.54
12	So. Douglas, mixed	91.23	12	East Douglas, 7-8	.88
13	W. Douglas, mixed	89.78	13	" " 1-b	1.34
	Average,	94.47		Average,	.42

ENROLMENT BY AGES, JANUARY 1, 1918.

Age is taken from nearest birthday. Figures in black-face type indicate proper grade for age.

Age,	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Total Number	Per cent. in Grade	Number of over-age Pupils	Per cent. of over-age Pupils
Grade I.....				10	3	2	1	2	1	1							81	21.	16	20.
" II.....			31	20	16	11	4										66	17.	35	53.
" III.....			10	12	21	10	6			2							52	13.5	18	35.
" IV.....			1	2	11	13	8	7	2		1	1					45	11.7	19	42.
" V.....						12	15	12	6	3							43	11.1	16	37.
" VI.....							7	12	13	5	2						39	10.1	20	51.
" VII.....							4	4	11	2							19	5.	2	10.5
" VIII.....							2		3	8	2		4				17	4.3	2	11.8
H. S. Freshmen.....									3	3	2	2					12	3.1	6	50.
H. S. Sophomores.....											3	1					4	1.	0	0
H. S. Juniors.....											3		3				3	.8	0	0
H. S. Seniors.....													1	2	1		5	1.4	2	40.
Totals.....	35	42	44	51	48	43	36	37	24	10	4	8	2	1	1		386	100	136	35.

LIST OF TEACHERS, JANUARY 1918.

NAME	SCHOOL	HOME ADDRESS	GRADUATE OF	Salary	When appointed in town
				per year	
Louis J. Peltier	High	East Douglas	Clark College	\$1180	1916
Esther M. Eckstrom	"	Worcester	Augustana College	600	1917
Pauline Carver	East Douglas, 7-8	Dexter, Me.	Lowell Normal	608	1917
Eunice L. Buffington	"	East Douglas	Douglas High	608	1892
Lovertia P. Chase	"	Haverhill	Worcester Normal	494	1918
E. Louise Twohig	"	East Douglas	Westfield Normal	582	1915
May C. Buxton	"	Douglas	Worcester Normal	532	1916
Etta H. Johnson	"	East Douglas	Douglas High	532	1889
Ethel M. Owen	"	East Douglas	Fitchburg Normal	494	1917
Daisy E. Sweet	"	Whitinsville	Symonds Training School	456	1916
Gertrude M. Smith	Douglas Cent. 4-8	East Douglas	Middlebury, Vt. High	513	1900
Mollie H. Kelley	"	Douglas	Douglas High	494	1908
Eleanor G. Foley	W. Douglas, mixed	East Douglas	Worcester Normal	418	1917
Beatrice Whitcomb	S. Douglas, mixed	Douglas	Douglas High	342	1917
Helen Greenhalgh	Music	Pawtucket, R. I.	Wellesley College	*150	1917
Ida A. Loomis	Drawing	East Douglas	Boston School of Design	175	1917

*Also allowance for traveling expenses.

Report of High School Principal.

To Mr. C. L. Judkins, Superintendent of Schools :—

Dear Sir :—I submit the following report on the work of the Douglas High School for the year ending December 31, 1917 :—

School opened with twenty-seven enrolled. Since then, however, three have left the Freshman class and one has entered leaving a total of twenty-five.

To these pupils it is our ambition to offer such a course of study as will prepare them for serviceable citizenship in after life. We cannot, in a two-teacher school, present every subject desired by all pupils. However by combining some first and second year classes, and third and fourth year classes ; also by giving certain subjects every other year, a broad course has been drawn up. Two courses are offered, viz :—a classical course and a general course. There are now thirty-eight or more colleges admitting without Latin, and thus both courses may be considered as preparing for higher education. Surely a step was taken in the right direction when algebra and geometry were left out, as required studies, of the general course and arithmetic put in for the Freshmen. The educational world is fast recognizing the fact that it is the quality of work that determines a pupil's worth, rather than the subject in which it was done. Drawing and music are now allotted a full period a week.

The number of pupils enrolled in each course,—Classical 12, General 16.

The following table shows the number of pupils studying each subject taught in the school :—

1st and 2nd year English	18	Latin A	4
3rd and 4th year English	8	Caesar	4
Biology	10	Cicero	2
Physics	8	Bookkeeping	5
Ancient History	15	Typewriting	9
Algebra	5	Spelling	28
Geometry	5	Singing	28
Arithmetic	7	Physical Training	28
French A	7	Freehand Drawing	23
French B	4	Mechanical Drawing	5
Rhetoricals	28		

It was expected that the Freshman class, due to the abolition of the ninth grade, might present some difficulty in regard to scholarship. This, however, has not been the case.

Generally speaking there has been very satisfactory progress. A girls' literary society has been formed in charge of Miss Eckstrom.

The typewriting class has been able to aid the Red Cross in co-ordination with its work.

In closing I wish to thank the pupils for their kindly welcome a year ago and their hearty good-will ever since. The loyal co-operation of the teachers and janitor has been very gratifying to me.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS J. PELTIER, *Principal.*

Jan. 15, 1918.

COURSES OF STUDY IN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL.

Adopted September 4, 1916.

COLLEGE COURSE.

First year—Latin 5, Algebra 5, Ancient History 4, English 5, Drawing 1, Music one-half.

Second year—Latin 5, English 5, Geometry 4, French 4, Drawing 1, Music one-half.

Third year—Latin 5, English 5, Physics 4, French 4, Drawing 1, Music one-half.

Fourth year—Latin 5, English 5, Revised Mathematics 4, Chemistry 4, Drawing 1, Music one-half.

GENERAL COURSE.

First year—Elementary Science 4, Ancient History 4, Arithmetic 4, English 5, Drawing 1, Music one-half.

Second year—French 4, English 5, Science 4, Com. Civics 4, Drawing 1, Music one-half.

Third year—French 4, English 5, Physics 4, American History and Civil Government 4, Drawing 1, Music one-half.

Fourth year—French 4, English 5, Bookkeeping 4, Chemistry 4, Drawing 1, Music one-half.

Spelling and Rhetoricals during the year.

Report of Supervisor of Music.

Mr. C. L. Judkins, Superintendent of Schools :—

DEAR SIR :—

I am submitting the following report to you subject to any change you may see fit to make :

Within the last three months, I have tried to instill into the teachers, as well as the pupils, enthusiasm to learn how to *read* music and a *joy* in *singing*. We have used the books and sheet music already in the grades and high school. Two-part singing was started in the fourth grade with apparent success. The sixth, seventh and eighth grades were singing well in three parts and work in the bass clef was begun. The work in the high school did not reach my expectations due *partly* to lack of interest among the pupils, and to the repeated use of old books.

The work in music in the public schools is three-fold :

1. To enable the largest possible number of children to participate correctly and tunefully in the singing.
2. By this means to develop in them a love for good music.
3. To teach as many of the principles, and to furnish as much of the practice of sight singing as may be possible under the conditions.

I have tried to work along these three lines throughout the fall.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN GREENHALGH,

January, 7, 1918.

Supervisor of Music.

Report of Supervisor of Drawing.

Mr. C. L. Judkins. Superintendent of Schools :—

DEAR SIR :—

In this, my first report as Supervisor of Drawing in the Douglas schools, I am pleased to state that good progress has been made.

Some of the important features of the work are color, object drawing, design and printing.

Color scales have been made to show the different values of a color, and to show the difference between the tints and shades of a color.

Object drawing develops the power to see and picture what one sees. For a foundation we have the type solids, as the sphere, cylinder and prisms.

Design develops the true standards of good judgment in what is best in objects and their decoration. Original designs were made for Christmas cards in the upper grades. In making these cards printing was also used. The plain square letters are used and will always be of service.

In the high school the work in both the freehand and mechanical divisions has shown much improvement. Posters for the Red Cross ball were designed and printed by the pupils and much interest was taken in the work.

Constructive drawing is being taken up by those in the mechanical division.

Geometry is the basis of accurate constructive drawing, and therefore geometric problems have been made so that the student will become familiar with those constructions that are ordinarily employed.

I thank the teachers and principal for their interest and loyalty, and the school committee and superintendent for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

IDA A. LOOMIS, *Supervisor of Drawing.*

Jan. 8, 1918.

Report of Instructor in Sewing

SUMMER OF 1917.

Mr. C. L. Judkins, Superintendent of Schools :—

DEAR SIR :—

The sewing classes held during the summer vacation continued for 10 weeks, two classes meeting each week, and were attended by 30 pupils, 27 of whom finished the entire work.

The older class hemmed handkerchiefs for the Red Cross, darned stockings, mended thin dress goods, and made shirt waists.

The younger class hemmed napkins and tray cloths for the Red Cross, darned stockings, mended thin dress goods and made holders and bungalow aprons with set-in sleeves. The material used, costing ten dollars, was paid for by the pupils themselves.

Respectfully submitted,

ETTA H. JOHNSON,

Instructor in Sewing.

Report of Medical Inspector.

Mr. C. L. Judkins, Superintendent of Schools :

DEAR SIR :—

I inspected all the children of our public schools at the beginning of the term in September, and again after the Christmas recess I examined all in two or three grades, which comprised children suspected of having been exposed to scarlet fever infection. So far as I know, however, there has been but one case in town.

The pupils actually inspected at the first inspection numbered 375 and a very large proportion were reported to the parents as in need of either medical or dental attention. There was no attempt to discover any but the most easily detected defects, and those which are most likely to produce illness of some sort.

Among 68 children of the primary grade, about 10 per cent. were free from obvious trouble, 35 per cent. had throats which should have medical attention, 80 per cent. had more or less defective teeth, and 22 per cent. had both bad teeth and bad throats.

Among 27 pupils of the grammar grades, nearly 40 per cent. were free from these readily recognized defects, 48 per cent. had defective teeth, 44 per cent. had more or less throat trouble and 29 per cent. had both classes of trouble.

So far as these figures indicate anything, it would seem that half of those who have had bad teeth in the first grade, either drop out, or have their defects remedied, while those whose throats demand attention at the beginning of school life, simply have nothing effective done. One condition is probably as important as the other as far as effect on efficiency of physical condition goes.

The deciding factors in causing teeth to be looked after better than tonsils, are perhaps, first, the fact that the beneficial results of dental care are better understood generally, while the results of carelessness in that regard, are both painful and obviously disfiguring.

In the second place the cost of a single operation on the throat needed by most of the children examined, when performed at a

hospital, is not far from \$10, including the usual hospital charge, for use of the operating room, and the cost of transportation to the hospital and board and nursing for a day or two, while the patients are under observation to guard against possible accidents which would interfere with recovery. This sum of money is called for in a lump, whereas a larger total expenditure on the teeth may be spread over a considerable period of earning time. Such an operation performed by the family physician would cost about the same as at the hospital, and while the services of a more experienced operator are sought, the cost runs to several times this amount. While the operation is not of the most critical and dangerous character, it has its possible accidental complications, though they are rarely seen, and requires competent assistance and after-care. If people generally knew as well as doctors know the benefits resulting from such treatment, the operation would be performed much more commonly than is now the case.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL F. ELA, *Medical Inspector.*

Feb. 10, 1918.

MEMBERS OF TEACHERS' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

Louis J. Peltier, Esther W. Eckstrom, Pauline Carver, Loretta P. Chase, E. Louise Twohig, Ethel M. Owen, Daisy E. Sweet, Eleanor G. Foley, Beatrice Whitcomb, Helen Greenhalgh, Ida A. Loomis.

RESULTS OF THE TESTS FOR VISION AND HEARING.

Number pupils tested	395
“ found defective in vision	48
“ “ “ hearing	5
“ parents or guardians notified	49

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

Cases investigated	63
Absent on account of sickness	43
“ “ “ truancy	13
“ for other causes	4
Number returned to school	11

ALEX. R. JOHNSON, *Attendance Officer.*

SCHOOL BANNERS.

The school banner, awarded for excellence in attendance and punctuality each month (high school excepted), has been won for the past year as follows :

	Per cent Attendance.	Cases Tardiness.
January, Douglas Center, Grades 1 and 3	98.00	8
February, East Douglas, Grade 2	97.36	2
March, East Douglas, Grade 2	97.82	4
April, East Douglas Center, Grades 1-3	98.69	1
May, East Douglas, Grades 8-9	97.82	21
June, Douglas Center, Grades 1-3	98.81	2
September, South Douglas, mixed	97.75	2
October, Douglas Center, 4-8	98.80	2
November, East Douglas, Grade 2	99.13	3
December, East Douglas, Grade 6	98.16	6

EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATES.

Issued January 1, 1917 to January 1, 1918.

Employment certificates. (14-16 years)	31
Educational certificates, (16-21 ; can read)	31
Educational certificates, (16-21 ; cannot read)	1
Total	63

Mr. Alex. Johnson has been appointed by the Superintendent of Schools to issue certificates, and these may be obtained by those entitled to them by making application to Mr. Johnson.

HONOR ROLL.

Pupil neither absent, tardy, nor dismissed for three years :

Everett Conrad.

Pupil neither absent, tardy, nor dismissed for two years :

Albert Dansereau.

Pupils neither absent, tardy, nor dismissed for one year :

Stewart Barnett, Eddie Richard, Joseph Valliere, Katherine Danmore, Annie Grivalsky, Freida Parker, Elizabeth Bylonick, Ethel Maynard, Stella Pierpriak, Margaret Brown, Alexina Williamson, Joseph Stanick, William Wesanen, Elizabeth Grivalski, Eva Therrien.

